

The Liaison Librarian's Role in Supporting Diversity Initiatives: Developing a Black History Month Exhibit in a College of Nursing



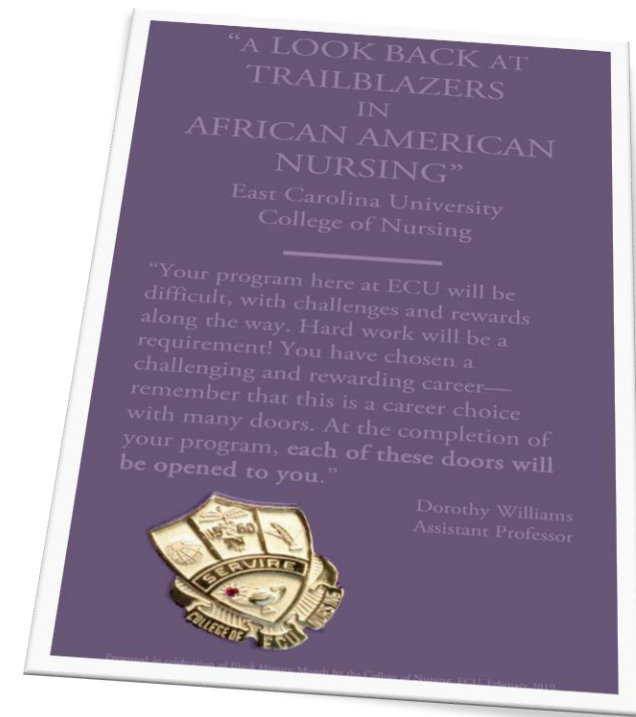
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ISO: Collaboration

- Liaison Librarians: What is our role?
- Partnerships establish rapport, deepen trust, improve service
- Opportunities include:
 - Volunteering for committees
 - Attending & participating in department-specific events
- Diversity Advisory Council at the College of Nursing, ECU
 - Black History Month Event Planning Subcommittee
 - Led by Wendy Bridgers

Digging Deeper: Finding the Resources



- “A look back at Trailblazers in African American Nursing”
 - On display during the month of February 2019 in celebration of Black History Month
- **Amanda Haberstroh:** consulted history collections for records of African American nurses in the College of Nursing; Greenville, NC; and the region of Eastern North Carolina; designed the posters that were displayed in the exhibit
- **Wendy Bridgers:** conducted interviews with surviving family members of trailblazers, collected key information and photographs of trailblazers, and arranged for Dean of the College of Nursing to speak at ribbon-cutting ceremony

Unveiling the Exhibit



Lessons Learned & Future Planning

- Get started early
 - Scope was reduced in the interest of timeliness of locating resources
- Market the event to all potential interested parties
 - Guests came from the College of Nursing, Laupus Health Sciences Library, and the surrounding community
- Use a sign-in sheet to track attendance
- Start a collection for future projects

Recommended Reading

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